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FROM THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

FELLOW MEMBERS,

On Saturday last, our first ramble took place to Hapton Tower. Arrangements had been made by Mr. R. Radcliffe for the party to proceed by way of Tower Clough. There was a good muster of members ; the guide being Mr. Westall. Those members who were present will mark this ramble as one of the pleasantest we have had. A short report of it appears in the "*Express*" and "*Gazette*" of Wednesday, May 20th.

The Summer Syllabus, as at present arranged, is as follows, but is subject to alteration :—

Saturday, May 16th—Hapton Tower.

,, June 6th—Pendle Forest. Train leaves Barracks for Nelson, 2-41 ; Bank Top, 2-44.

,, June 20th—Moorhiles Clough. Meet at Room 2-30.

,, July 4th—Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery. Particulars supplied later.

,, July 25th—Holmes Chapel District. Joint Ramble with Bacup Natural History Society. Leader, Mr. George Scott, Bacup.

,, August 1st—Old Iron Mine, Cliviger. Joint Ramble with Bacup Natural History Society. Leader, Mr. J. A. Lee, Bacup.

Your Council note with pleasure, that a Natural History Society has been formed in connection with the Mechanics' Institution. Mr. Ernest Evans has been elected President, and Mr. John Redman, Hon. Secretary. The Subscription has been fixed at 6d. per annum, and the Council is officially informed that the Society is open to all—members and non-members of the Mechanics' alike. An interesting syllabus of rambles has been drawn up, a list of which may be seen in the Society's room. Your Council wish every success to the new Society in its efforts to foster and encourage a knowledge and love of the animate and inanimate Nature around us.

A Communication has been received from Mr. Denison Roebuck, F.L.S., Hon. Secretary of The Yorkshire Naturalists' Union. The Union is holding its 123rd Meeting at Hellifield, from Whit-Saturday to Whit-Tuesday. Members of the Burnley Literary and Philosophical Society have been kindly invited to join the Union, and it is proposed that a small party shall do so on either Whit-Monday or Whit-Tuesday, as may be most convenient. Monday's route for the Geologists will be as follows :—Knowlmere, Dunmow, and perhaps Slaidburn, and the party will be under the guidance of Prof. Tiddeman, M.A., F.G.S. On Tuesday, the Geologists start from Whitewell for Slaidburn, and another party will start from Clitheroe Station at 9-10 to meet the one from Whitewell, returning to Clitheroe at 4-30. All particulars may be had from the General Secretary, who will be glad to arrange with members who are desirous of going on either of the days named. Of course there will be special cheap fares, and it is hoped that some few of the members will represent the Society on this occasion.

As the holiday season is fast approaching, the Council hope that members when away from home, will endeavour to secure objects of interest for the Society, as well as make observations which may be of use hereafter.

The Council will also be glad to hear from any member concerning any special subject or paper for the Winter Syllabus. Any communication to the Secretary will receive early attention.

The Council will meet on the third Wednesday in each month, and it invites communications from members on any subject dircctly or indirectly affecting the welfare of thc Society.

The following have been elected members of the Society :—Mr. J. E. Davidson, 101, Reed Street, Burnley ; Mr. Harrison Charles, 2, Hallwell Street, Burnley.

At a recent meeting the following were elected Honorary Members of the Society, David Lawton, Greenfield, near Oldham, (Th' Owd Weighver of Saddleworth), author of "Warkday Rhymes for Warkday Folk," etc. ; C. Allen Clarke, Blackpool, author of "The Knobstick," "Voices, and other Poems," "Tales of a Deserted Village." Communications have been received from both these gentlemen acknowledging their election.

The *Manchester Guardian* recently said, "Mr. Clarke is one of the few living novelists whose intimacy with the (Lancashire) poor (and factory folks) strikes us as complete and genuine." Mr. Clarke is prominently connected with the new Lancashire paper "Teddy Ashton's Journal," which will first see the light on Friday next, May 22nd. The prospectus of the journal is a good one and the Council have pleasure in drawing the attention of members to this new venture in Lancashire literature.

The Council has pleasure in announcing the following gifts to the Society and begs to thank the donors.

Heron's Egg, Mr. WEST, Junr., Oxford Road, Burnley.
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Flint Arrow-heads found in Ightenhill Park, MR. J. R. LEE.
The Council also beg to thank MR. JOHN DEAN for a donation of 10/- to the funds of the Society.

A communication having been received from Mr. C. M. Foden, J.P., Hon. Secretary of the Mechanics' Institution, with regard to a proposed portrait of Mr. Henry Houlding, a spccial meeting of the Council was held, and representatives were appointed to serve on the Committee. The portrait committee has since met, and it has been decided that the portrait shall be painted by Mr. Sydney Hodges, of London, many examples of whose work there are in the Town. The cost of the portrait is to be raised by public subscription. Already a most cncouraging response has been made, and the members of the Literary and Philosophical Society are now invited to take part in the work of raising the funds. Subscriptions of any amount will be received by any member of thc Council, and it is hoped that every member of the Society will avail himself of this opportunity of helping to obtain for the Town a permanent memorial of one of Burnley's most honoured sons.

Mr. Houlding, it will be remembered, is honorary member of the Mechanics' Institution, of the Literary and Scientific Club, and of the Literary and Philosophical Society, and the Committee which has the matter in hand is composed of members of these threc bodies, and an invitation has also been extended to the Burnley Co-operative Society to take part in the work.

In conclusion, the Council requests members to prcserve their copies of the Journal for future reference. A few of the earlicr copies are still to be had by members desiring to complete their sets.

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